Social Planning Council of Winnipeg *est. 1919*

2007 Annual Report

Committed to Community

Our Vision

A just, caring, inclusive and responsive society.

Our Mission

To provide action oriented leadership in social planning and effecting policy changes.

The Social Planning Council of Winnipeg *plays a unique role in the community by:*

- *Identifying and defining social planning issues, needs, capacities and necessary resources in the community;*
- *Developing and promoting policy and program options to policy-makers;*
- *Raising community awareness of and providing voice to social issues and human service needs, social policy options and service delivery alternatives; and*
- *Facilitating communication and collaboration with government, business, labour, the voluntary sector and grassroots communities.*

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President's Report

Since its inception in 1919, the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg has continued to provide decision-makers, and citizens with critical research and information to be able to respond to the changing social issues of the City. The Social Planning Council is recognized for its leadership in using research and information to develop concrete, relevant and creative responses to social issues. It has been instrumental in the formation of services and organizations that exist today, such as Age and Opportunity Centre, The Citizenship Council, The Main Street Project, the Indian Métis Friendship Centre, the John Howard and Elizabeth Fry Societies among others.

The Social Planning Council will continue to lead and be in the forefront in addressing current and emerging social issues both on its own and in conjunction with other groups, such as the Homeless Individuals and Families Information System, Well-being in the Workplace, Hidden Homelessness, Summer Learning Enrichment program, Children's Health and the Environment, Social Inclusion, Falling Fortunes, Panhandling, Campaign 2000, and the Poverty Barometers, to name a few.

I would like to acknowledge the board and staff for their time and contribution to the development of the three year strategic plan. The plan will focus on the following priorities: poverty reduction, social inclusion, community capacity building and engagement, developing awareness, supporting the voluntary sector and organizational development.

The backbone of SPC is its staff, the board and the many volunteers. My appreciation for their dedication, passion and tireless efforts is profound, without it, SPC would not be as successful. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the United Way for its on going support.

To build a social landscape so all of the citizens of Winnipeg can be healthy and prosper and to create "A just, caring, inclusive and responsive society" will require all of us to be courageous and work collectively to attain our vision.

~Anita Moore

Executive Director's Report

In finally completing our agency planning process this year we now have a well considered three year strategic plan, a logic model reflecting our current reality and a theory of change document. The process began in Nov 2005 with a facilitated workshop involving our board, staff and stakeholders. From these and other efforts we were able to develop a strategic plan with a 3 year view and annual resource considerations. Our new plan is now being shared more widely and we are very appreciative of the fact that the United Way of Winnipeg, our longtime supporter, has agreed to improve the level of funding that we receive from the community investment fund for the next 3 years based on our plan. Today's AGM will give each of you the opportunity as members to provide further advice and ideas as we move ahead.

We continue to work with all levels of government on many areas of social concern. The issue of our increasing numbers of homeless individuals has become any area of focus for us this year. While we have ha recent investment in new and improved shelter facilities we must now focus upon understanding and striving toward eliminating absolute homelessness. Our work with the federal government through the Homeless Individual and Family Information System (HIFIS) should be instrumental in terms of understanding the circumstances and monitoring progress.

Our Summer Learning Enrichment program (more increasingly being referred to as CSI) has had a successful expansion this year extending into another site at David Livingstone School with great results. A long list of contributors are involved in support of the 180 inner-city children who participated this last summer but we surely appreciate the leadership and the financial support provided by the Province of Manitoba, the Urban Aboriginal Strategy (UAS), the Centre for Aboriginal Human Resource Development and the Winnipeg Foundation. Based on the results achieved it will be important to consider how we make this opportunity available on a broader and more sustained basis.

Finally our Board of Directors are to be commended for developing renewed strategic priorities and a plan this year in addition to their other responsibilities. The staff support to these efforts has been stellar. The plan and efforts anticipated align with broader sectoral interest in resolving the issue(s) arising from the unacceptable levels of poverty. To this end the leadership of the Poverty Reduction Council being established by the United Way of Winnipeg in the year to come has signs of hope.

~Wayne Helgason

Campaign 2000 Continues Steering Committee

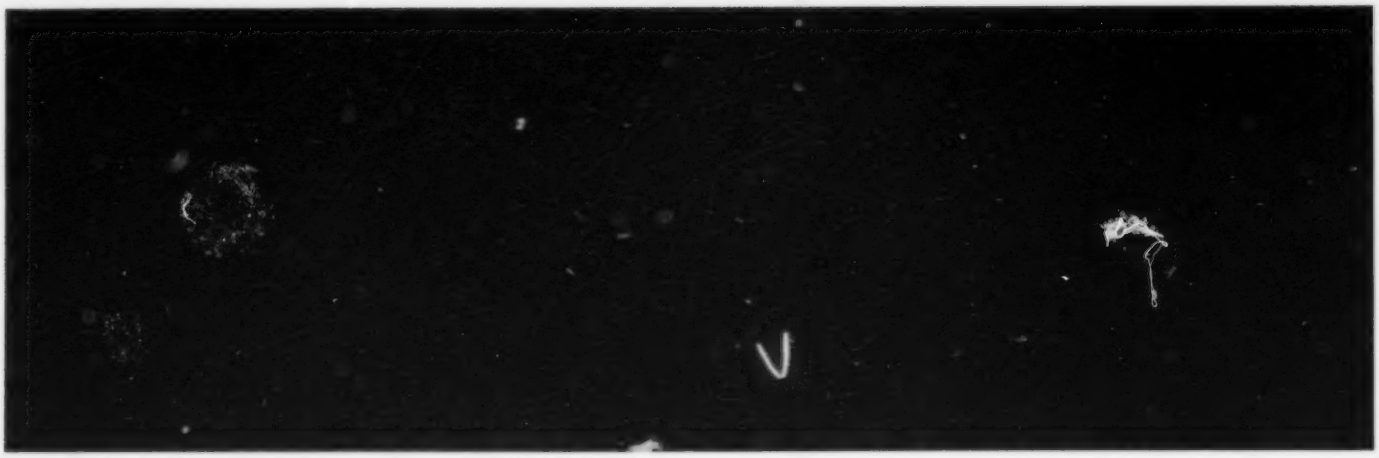
Once again, I have the pleasure of reporting on Manitoba Campaign 2000 activities over the 2006/07 fiscal year.

The Social Planning Council became a partner in a new two year national project called "Addressing the Falling Fortunes of Families with Young Children: A Community Building Approach". Since April 2006, the local steering committee of the project has held a focus group with social service providers to learn about effective approaches to community outreach; held two workshops with parents on the topic of poverty and low wages; held meetings with members of the business community; and held a community roundtable with different sectors.

In May 2006 the committee wrote a letter to all Manitoba MLAs supporting Bill 213 The Milk Prices Review Amendment Act. The committee has consistently identified this as a pressing issue and have called for the regulation of milk prices across the province. Unfortunately the bill did not make it to second reading. The response from many politicians was that there is work being done in the northern part of the province through the Food Prices Project to address this and other food security issues. The committee, however, remains concerned that even within the City of Winnipeg the price of milk can vary – generally costing more in the inner city than in the non-inner city.

In July, the committee supported national Campaign 2000's open letter to the Premiers in anticipation of the annual Council of the Federation meeting. An opinion editorial was prepared by Laurel Rothman, Wayne Helgason, and Sid Frankel highlighting the important of addressing the social imbalance that underlies the fiscal one between federal and provincial governments.

Our ninth Manitoba Child and Family Poverty Report Card, "Back to the Future: Approaching 1989" was released on November 24th, 2006 at the Manitoba Legislature Building. A short vigil was held immediately after the press conference. The decision to hold the release and vigil at the legislative building was to highlight the political nature of the commitment that was made in 1989 to Canadian families and the need for provincial will and action



to end poverty. As in other years, the report card lays out a comprehensive plan for addressing poverty with recommendations for all three levels of government.

In December 2006, the committee held a Campaign 2000 consultation with Laurel Rothman, National Coordinator of Campaign 2000 and Marvyn Novick, one of the co-founders, on a new policy paper to be released in 2007. Consultations took place in other sites across Canada and the input from local partners will shape the content and focus of the paper.

A new *Poverty Barometer*, "Ready or Not, Here I Come Youth Aging Out of the Child Welfare System", was released in January 2007. This was the third barometer on the issue of the child welfare system in Manitoba and focused on the outcomes of youth after they leave care at age eighteen for life on their own. The barometer was released the same day as a report from the Children's Advocate called, *Strengthening our Youth: Their Journey to Competence and Independence. A Report on Youth Leaving Manitoba's Child Welfare System*. Since 2001 the *Poverty Barometer* has been used by the committee as a tool to promote awareness of child and family poverty in Manitoba. I am pleased to say that after completing twelve editions, the committee is looking forward updating and republishing the entire collection in addition to working on new topics.

Other activities the committee has undertaken have included writing to Winnipeg School Divisions to receive demographic reports and information on school food programs and participation in national Campaign 2000 meetings. In 2006 we said good bye to committee members: Rita Hildahl, Manitoba Association of School Trustees and we welcomed in her place, Evelyn Myskiw, Sonia Prevost-Derbecker, Ndinawe, Harvy Frankel, Faculty of Social Work, University of Manitoba, Gail Wylie, Healthy Start for Mom & Me, Nelson Mayer, Office of the Children's Advocate, and Myfanwy Bowman, Public Interest Law Centre were also new additions to our once again growing committee.

I would once again like to thank our dedicated committee members who continue to move Campaign 2000 objectives forward in our province and bring attention to the nearly 50,000 Manitoban children living in poverty. I would like to also thank our partnering organizations, Network members, and SPC staff for their ongoing support and commitment.

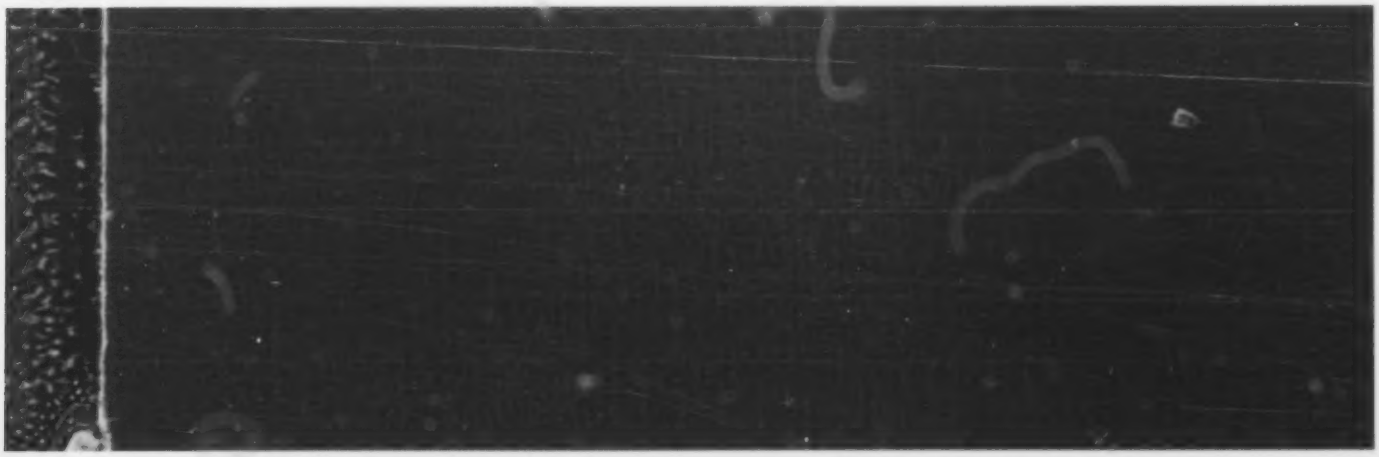
~Mike Owen, Chair

Poverty Advisory Committee

As one of the longest-standing committees at the Social Planning Council, the Poverty Advisory Committee continues its commitment to bring issues of poverty to public attention in the City of Winnipeg and the province of Manitoba. The committee is unique in that it is comprised of an assortment of representatives from community organizations, faith groups, agency staff and community advocates including many members who have experienced first hand the effects of poverty. This year, the committee was committed to expanding its membership base and has found that monthly meetings have been extremely well-attended with a dedicated nucleus of regular participants.

The committee's provincial campaign continues to focus on the Employment and Income Assistance (EIA) Program. In June of 2006, the committee hosted a community meeting at the Legislative Building with Minister Christine Melnick, who was the Minister of Family Services and Housing at the time. This meeting was a follow-up to a community meeting held in September of 2005 and allowed the Minister to respond to the recommendations forwarded during that gathering. We also requested in August to meet with the Finance Minister as part for the pre-budget consultation. Late in the year, after the provincial cabinet was shuffled, Minister Gord Mackintosh was introduced as the new Minister of Family Services and Housing. The committee quickly requested a meeting to discuss further what had been started with Minister Melnick, and a detailed brief outlining the committee's position on EIA was drafted including long and short term recommendations on how to improve the program. On March 6, 2007, the committee met with Minister Mackintosh as well as Minister Greg Selinger (Finance) to discuss our concerns and recommendations. After meeting with the provincial government, the committee also met with the caucuses of both the Green Party and Liberal Party with intentions to eventually meet with the Progressive Conservative Party.

The committee also initiated a petition campaign which, in essence, calls for the immediate raising of income assistance rates to a livable level and indexing them to inflation, and the elimination of punitive policies that make life



extremely difficult for those who rely on the program. Further work is planned for the future to keep pressuring for the transformation of the EIA program. We also have a poster campaign planned to coincide with and support the raise the rates petition.

At the city level, the committee has produced four fact sheets that were distributed to community centers and throughout our networks. A concerted effort has been put forth to expand our existing network and disseminate information to a wider audience. The fact sheets have focused on issues such as panhandling, affordable housing, and public transit.

After lobbying City Councillors for the establishment of a Poverty Action Committee at City Hall over the past few years, the announcement of funds allocated by the City of Winnipeg for the formation of a Poverty Reduction Council through the United Way could be considered a small victory. Although not exactly what the committee had hoped for, we look forward to working together with the United Way on this venture. It is our hope that the Council will be instrumental in recommending a poverty reduction strategy for the City of Winnipeg. A paper has been prepared for when the new Poverty Reduction Council meets to outline their ideas. The committee will continue to advocate for grassroots representation on the council, ensuring the voices of low and fixed-income Manitobans are heard.

Some of the committee's future endeavors involve the establishment of a welfare working group that would be comprised of community advocates, business leaders and government representatives that would modernize and reform the EIA program. As well, the Poverty Advisory Committee will attempt to add their voice as an advisor on potential exhibits for the proposed Museum of Human Rights. It is the hope of the committee that the rights espoused in the UN International Covenant on Social, Economic, and Cultural Rights will be highlighted in the museums exhibits. More than that, it is the committee's hope that these rights will become enshrined in our provincial legislation, ensuring the rights of *all* Manitobans.

Thanks to all of the committee members for making my first year as chair of this committee a success in our attempts to redress the un-necessary poverty, disparity and social exclusion that has unfortunately come to characterize our community. The Social Planning Council Poverty Committee is recognized as a source for quality information, ideas and action based on research and the lived experience of members of the community.

~Marianne Cerilli, Chair

Committee for the Elimination of Racism and Discrimination (CERD)

The CERD committee began the year looking at a new strategic plan to help determine in what direction and which priorities its members should focus on. In doing this we were able to set some goals to work on over the next few years.

One of the committee's goals has been to look at bridging the cultural gaps between Aboriginal and Immigrant communities. Within this focus we will look at how commonalties among these groups can help teach us how we can work together to bridge the gaps. Another goal of the committee has been to establish community programs that will respond to the cultural awareness of the ethno-community organizations.

The CERD committee members will continue to work towards the development of educational programs and curricula that will promote increased understanding among all people. As well, the committee still follows the progress of employment and professional training for newcomers including following and advocating for the process of credential recognition of professional immigrants.

As my first year as chair I would like to mention that without the dedicated and committed volunteers, staff and students the committee would not be able to work towards ensuring that the lives of all individuals in Winnipeg can live in a equitable society.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my great appreciation for the support and invaluable efforts of the committee members. Special thanks to Viktoria Westgate and Maria Sanchez for their devoted and commendable work.

~Tayeb Meridji, Chair

Environment Committee

This past year has seen the intersection of health and the environment become a greater concern for many people and a national focus for policy makers. Here in Manitoba the Social Planning Council's Children's Environmental Health Project has been in the forefront of these issues as the first coordinated choice on how our environment impacts our health.

Run by volunteers for its first three years the project received support from the Winnipeg Foundation to hire a part-time coordinator in 2006. Since then we have developed workshops and resources on the various ways our environment impacts on our health.

We met with healthcare professionals and the government to promote a precautionary approach in their policies. We drafted a resolution for the SPC board asking the city to ban the cosmetic use of pesticides. Further on this issue the committee made two presentations were made to City Hall regarding a by-law for cosmetic pesticide use and a meeting was convened with Dr. Margret Fast on the pesticide use in Winnipeg.

Presentations throughout the year were made to Red River Community College nursing classes, nursing instructors from Red River and the University of Manitoba, Seven Oaks Wellness Centre, Environmental studies class at the University of Manitoba, West End Library, Cornish Library and the Wolseley Family Centre

The Project has raised the profile of the issues through an email list, monthly interviews on APTN daily newscast, as a guest on CBC radio call-in show, interviews for the Eco-Journal and CKUW program *Wooden Spoons*, and a press release with the Humane Society.

As our role in the community grows the Committee undertook strategic planning sessions to increase its efficiency in its role of highlighting the connections between social justice issues and the environment. From these sessions the Project has developed into The Children's Health and Environment Partnership (CHEP).

~Steve Rauh, Chair

The Children's Health and Environmental Partnership

A core group of five founding Winnipeg-based organizations (Social Planning Council of Winnipeg. , Manitoba Eco-Network, Chemical Sensitivities Manitoba, Klinic and Campaign for Pesticide Reduction, along with a growing number of other groups representing a variety of sectors have partnered to facilitate a closer collaboration between health, environment and child care professionals. The Children's Health and Environment Partnership acts at the local level to facilitate the development of children's environmental health initiatives and build on the work carried out by the Canadian Partnership for Children's Health and Environment and myriad other organizations and networks across North America.

Mission

The Children's Health and Environment Partnership (CHEP) is a coordinated voice committed to establishing children's environmental health as a primary concern amongst caregivers, health care providers, decision makers, and the public.

Vision

Empowering people with knowledge we will build community capacity to ensure environments that enhance children's health and well-being.

Guiding Principles

Children are bearing unnecessary and unfair risks to their health growth and development. Scientific findings indicate that children's health and well-being are endangered by numerous variables such as environmental exposures to toxic chemicals, environmental degradation of the biosphere, a lack of appropriate public spaces for growing communities, and the unique environmental impacts of poverty and racial inequalities.

Given that the environment is considered a determinant of health and in light of emerging science and global action to address environmental burdens and inequities, we support the following principles:

- Every child deserves the opportunity to maximize his/her potential and

be protected from the threat of environmental exposures.
- Every individual has a stake in the health and environment of today's children and future generations.
- Every person will benefit from taking action.

We commit to create solutions through multi-disciplinary dialogue and collaboration, and compel all stakeholders to act with precaution in protecting the world's children.

Goals

The Children's Environmental Health Project partners have identified four goals to guide their work:

1. To generate a network with the capacity and infrastructure to advance the state of children's environmental health in Winnipeg.
2. To empower changes in behaviour through targeted health promotion and social marketing to caregivers, parents and the general public.
3. To create awareness of children's environmental health amongst health care practitioners and build their capacity to prevent harm.
4. To promote a participatory and precautionary approach in decision-making affecting children's health and development.

Future plans include co-hosting training workshops for community health advocates and childcare professionals with the National Partnership for Children's Health and the Environment. The Partnership is currently fundraising for a Secretariat that will support the process of collaboration - guiding the Partnership through planning stages, facilitating meetings, fundraising, mediating conflict, ensuring the flow of information and building the capacity of the Partnership towards its desired outcomes.

Homeless Individual And Families Information System (HIFIS)

The HIFIS Initiative is intended to help communities create an understanding of the characteristics of homeless people using shelter services, with a goal of maximizing the impact of the community planning process. A key piece in this process is the funding provided to coordinators across the country.

The HIFIS Community Coordinator is funded through the Homelessness Partnering Secretariat under the department of Human Resources Social Development Canada. HIFIS Community Coordinators act as liaisons between the Government of Canada and communities, sharing data and information on the shelter's needs. Coordinators help to create a smooth transition and ease of use for new and existing HIFIS users.

An important component of the HIFIS initiative is the HIFIS software, which allows shelters and other service providers to record client-level information to manage their operations. The shelter community has been engaged in the design of the software since 1995. The software, training, and user support are **available free to shelters** and service providers across Canada.

HIFIS is a user-friendly electronic records management system. It is provided free of charge as a means to collect information about the population using shelters. HIFIS also assists in the daily operations, booking –in and out clients, and reporting on shelter use. The system also serves as a source of comparable data on the distinctive qualities of the homeless across Canada. Steps are taken to ensure that client privacy will be protected.

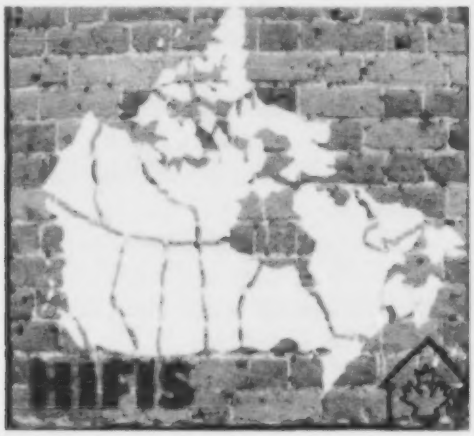
In January 2007 the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg (SPC) signed a service agreement with Human Resources Social Development Canada to act as the HIFIS Community Coordinator for Winnipeg. As part of this agreement

SPC will provide HIFIS training to shelters and service providers and help them with the implementation process.

SPC will open up dialogue with HIFIS users, key stakeholders and all levels of government, to share knowledge and best practices that HIFIS will provide our community.

Shelter operators and service providers require appropriate technology to use the HIFIS software. The initiative recognized that many shelters lacked this technology and responded with its Digital Inclusion Partnership (DIP) for Homelessness. This great benefit of the initiative brings together donors from Microsoft Canada, Computers for Schools (Industry Canada), McAfee (anti-virus software) and the Telecom Pioneers of Canada. This partnership provides an opportunity for shelters and service providers to obtain free computers, software and technical support to meet their technological needs. Other benefits include:

- Assists in shelter operations making day to day operations more productive
- Completely user friendly
- Increases community capacity
- Self training manuals offer ease for first time users
- Data sharing protocols



CSI: Summer Learning Enrichment Program

This past year, CSI (Community School Investigators) Summer Learning Enrichment program was expanded to include three schools, including Dufferin, John M King and David Livingstone School. One hundred and eighty students between the ages of 6 and 12 registered, with over 120 children attending on a regular basis during the five-week program.

The goals of the program included, engaging children in enriching learning opportunities throughout the summer to prevent summer learning loss, improving educational outcomes for children living in poverty, and enhancing the skills and employment experience of local youth.

Twenty-six university and high school students were hired as instructors and assistants to help in the implementation of these goals. Most of these students were hired through the Urban Green Team program and were sponsored by a variety of agencies including C.E.D.A., Manitoba School Improvement Program, and the Centre for Aboriginal Human Resource Development (CAHRD). The university students were mainly education students from the Universities of Winnipeg and Manitoba, while the high school students were hired from the local secondary schools. The program was designed to benefit both the children participating in it as well as the instructors and assistants delivering the program.

Through the support of many community organizations and partners the program was very rich. A "science theme" was the basis for many of the literacy and numeracy activities during the summer program, with the children having the opportunity to attend the University of Winnipeg science department and labs to do some "hands on" experimenting. A favourite of the children was the chemistry lab.

Other activities varied, depending on the school's community. Some of these included visits to the Ellice Theatre and Café, the Wahbung Centre, Western

Glove Works, Turtle Island and Graffiti Gallery. Frontier College provided weekly literacy activities through their "Reading Tents" program. As well, the Winnipeg School Division provided transportation to some larger field trips, such as the Manitoba Museum and the Children's Museum.

A healthy breakfast and lunch were provided to the students throughout the program, with a couple of meal events that included parents. The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority and the Point Douglas Chronic Disease Prevention Committee helped to support this initiative both through training and funding. The food coordinators were hired locally and food was purchased through local businesses. The children enjoyed the daily nutritious meals, especially those at which the families were invited.

The program culminated with an interactive concert put on by the Winnipeg Jazz Society's *Jazz on Wheels*. Parents, children, community and funders were all invited to participate.

The program proved to be successful on many levels.

- Parents commented that they were very happy that their children were being given the opportunity to continue their learning and development over the summer.
- The pre-tests and post-tests in literacy and numeracy that were given to a sample of the students in the program showed that the majority of the students grew or maintained their skills in math and literacy over the summer.
- The teacher coordinators, the children and the instructors would concur that the program was beneficial to everyone in different ways, and should continue and expand in the future.

This program was made possible through the generous support of: Manitoba Education Citizenship and Youth, Healthy Child Manitoba, Western Diversification's Urban Aboriginal Strategy, Winnipeg Foundation, CAHRD, Rotary Club, Delta Kappa Gamma, Winnipeg School Division, University of Winnipeg, Downtown Parent-Child Coalition, Point Douglas Chronic Disease Prevention Initiative, C.E.D.A., Manitoba School Improvement Program, and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, as well as private donations.

Student Reports

When given the task of finding a placement to fulfill the field requirement portion of my Bachelor of Social Work degree at the University of Manitoba, few offered the opportunities that the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg did. If a social work student is interested in social policy and community development, the Social Planning Council--for this student anyways--fits the criteria.

After settling in to the friendly environment, I was quickly entrenched in the world of social policy. Gradually, understanding the connection between academics and action became the focal point of my growth as a student and as a future social worker. This connection is vital to the work that is done at the Social Planning Council, and any progress made is due to a better understanding of this connection. During my time here, I have been able to enhance my skills in areas of research, organization and interpersonal communication. By giving me room to learn and grow, and by including me in many of the ongoing projects, the Social Planning Council has been instrumental in furthering my understanding of what is possible in the world of social work.

In my time here, I have been fortunate to work with many fine individuals on many exciting projects. Some of the most memorable moments this year were the release of the Manitoba Child and Family Poverty Report Card, the monthly meetings with the Poverty Advisory Committee, the Poverty Symposium focused on people living with disabilities, the Falling Fortunes parent workshops/community roundtable, the meeting with the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Family Services and Housing regarding EIA rates, and the budget lock-up and media scrum.

I would like to thank the staff of the Social Planning Council, committee members, and the rest of the people that I came in contact with during my tenure for ensuring that my time here was time well-spent. A special thanks goes to Tara Rudy, my field instructor, who was not only a helpful mentor, but also a fun and friendly person to work alongside.

~Jason Neufeld

I am thrilled that I have been given the opportunity to gain work experience at The Social Planning Council of Winnipeg. Being a part of a pilot project through Success Skills Centre, *Young Canada Works*, has given me the chance to build career equity and earn money. It has also helped me get started on the right career path, offering me a unique opportunity to develop new skills and work in the Winnipeg community.

Of the many skills I have obtained during my time here at SPC, being able to enhance my writing skills and learn new ways to research key issues will be invaluable to me for years to come.

My primary role at the SPC has been to work alongside Viktoria Westgate as a staff resource for the Committee for the Elimination of Racism and Discrimination (CERD). I have been able to participate in the development of a strategic plan set forth by this committee early in the year. I have enjoyed being a part of the committee's process in working towards new goals that will help to eradicate racism and discrimination in the community.

Working at the Social Planning Council has been a great experience and I look forward to the rest of my internship over the next several months. I would like to thank the staff and committee members at SPC for their guidance. I would like to extend a special thank you to Viktoria for her support in helping to make my experience stimulating, challenging and worthwhile..

Young Canada Works is a Pilot project funded by Heritage Canada. For more information please visit http://www.pch.gc.ca/ycw-jct/

~Maria Sanchez

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AUDITORS' REPORT ON SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Members
Social Planning Council of Winnipeg

The accompanying summarized statement of financial position and statement of operations and changes in net assets are derived from the complete financial statements of the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg as at March 31, 2007 and for the year then ended on which we expressed an opinion without reservation in our report dated May 31, 2007. The fair summarization of the complete financial statements is the responsibility of management. Our responsibility, in accordance with the applicable Assurance Guideline of The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, is to report on the summarized financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements fairly summarize, in all material respects, the related complete financial statements in accordance with the criteria described in the Guideline referred to above.

These summarized financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes. For more information on the entity's financial position, results of operations and cash flows, reference should be made to the related complete financial statements.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

Chartered Accountants

Winnipeg, Manitoba
May 31, 2007

Financial Report

SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL OF WINNIPEG
Summarized Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	As at March 31 2007	2006
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	$ 158,205	$ 50,472
Short term deposit	65,432	64,067
Accounts receivable	27,649	107,031
Prepaid expenses	2,292	4,236
	$ 253,578	$ 225,806
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$ 53,321	$ 57,682
Deferred Special Projects revenue	125,220	92,411
	178,541	150,093
REVENUE STABILIZATION FUND		
TECHNOLOGY REPLACEMENT FUND		
RESEARCH FUND AND NET ASSETS		
REVENUE STABILIZATION FUND	33,000	33,000
TECHNOLOGY FUND	5,000	5,000
RESEARCH FUND	16,000	16,000
NET ASSETS	21,037	21,713
	$ 253,578	$ 225,806

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year Ended March 31 2007	2006
REVENUE		
Special Projects revenue	$ 438,593	$ 556,506
United Way of Winnipeg	274,800	274,800
Affiliation fees	2,243	2,450
Other	6,124	5,755
	721,760	839,511
EXPENSES		
Special Projects expense	374,365	482,761
Salaries and wages	241,158	255,323
Office and maintenance	64,934	57,658
Administration	41,979	44,763
	722,436	840,505
EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER REVENUE FOR THE YEAR	(676)	(994)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	21,713	22,707
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	$ 21,037	$ 21,713

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

..... President

..... Treasurer

A complete set of financial statements and Auditors' Report may be obtained from the Council.

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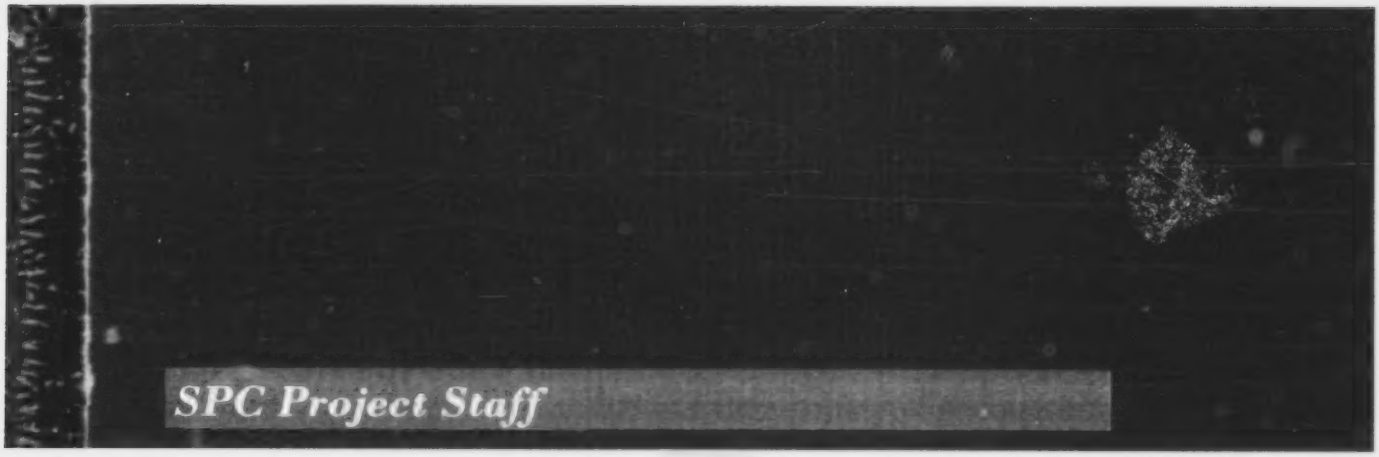

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Looking Ahead: Our Strategic Priorities

In 2006/07 we completed our logic model and strategic plan with the United Way. As living documents, it is our hope that they will grow and improve alongside the planning council as we develop new capacities and strengthen old ones. Over the course of two board and staff workshops and meetings with representatives from the United Way, SPC identified five strategic priority areas which stem from our theory of change and cover all of our activities. These include: Poverty Reduction and Social Inclusion, Supporting the Voluntary Sector, Developing Awareness and Engagement, Community Capacity Building and Organizational Development.

The following are the outcomes we have identified over the next three to five years. These are the changes we will be measuring to understand our impact and whether we have been effective at accomplishing our goals.

Poverty Reduction and Social Inclusion

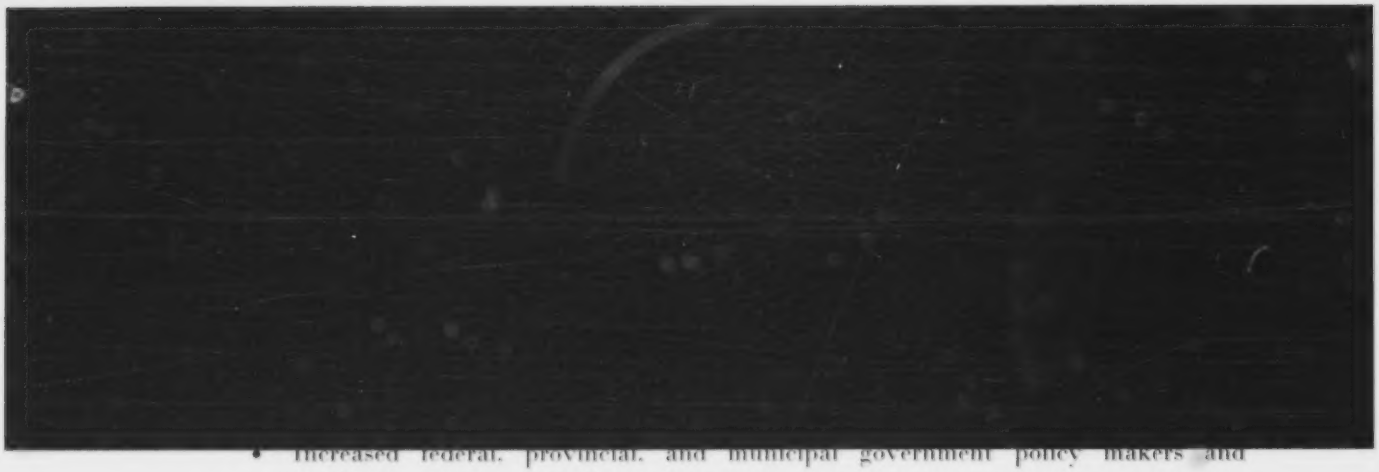
- Various sectors identified for participation in the Poverty Reduction Council in association with City of Winnipeg and United Way
- Community, business, and political leadership are knowledgeable about impacts of poverty/inequality on individuals, families, communities, and society
- Increased community and government access to current SPC data, documents, publications, and statistics related to poverty and quality of life

Supporting the Voluntary Sector

- Increased awareness by all sectors of the role of the voluntary sector in civil society
- Voluntary sector organizations have increased knowledge of information and tools to help design and deliver programs to targeted communities.

Developing Awareness and Engagement

- Greater discussion of social, health, and environmental issues in the public domain
- General public expresses increased concern/priority for social and environmental issues



- Increased federal, provincial, and municipal government policy makers and legislators awareness of policy and program options
- Increased understanding by the local media of structural issues related to inequality, poverty, and environment

Community Capacity Building

- Increased linkages and engagement of community and other sectors
- Increased number of organizations, communities, sectors, and citizens are involved in collaborative planning
- Active participation of marginalized groups in developing programs and delivering services
- Increased number of community organizations acquire relevant information resources in a variety of formats
- Further development of new service initiatives
- Volunteers/members develop skills and knowledge about processes to create social change
- Students experience increase in knowledge and skills related to employment goals

Organizational Development

- Increased ability to develop a diverse and sustainable funding base
- Increased representation of diverse communities in Board membership including ethnocultural, women, disability, youth, and Aboriginal communities
- Increased capacity to monitor outcomes and evaluate change

Some of the activities we undertook in 2006 – 2007 to work towards these changes are listed below.

Poverty Reduction and Social Inclusion

- In 2006/07 the Social Planning Council continued its involvement in the Poverty Symposium Planning Group
- SPC continued as a member in the Just Income Coalition

Supporting the Voluntary Sector

- Participated in a national conference of social planning councils
- Presented on research findings from *Growing Opportunities, Shrinking Options* report at national conference and local brown bag lunch series

Looking Ahead continued

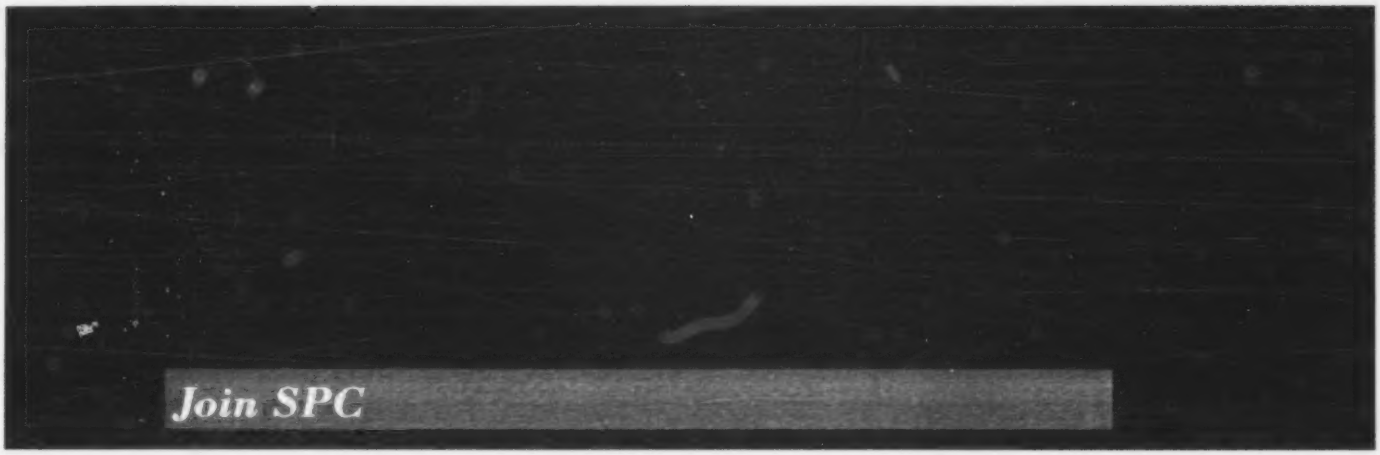
- Held press conferences
- Interviews with media
- Submitted opinion editorials and letters to the editor in response to local issues
- Delivered environmental health workshops

Community Capacity Building

- Trained three shelters on HIFIS (Homeless Individual and Family Information System)
- Provided secretariat resources to the CSI Summer Learning Enrichment Program
- Provided a field placement site for two University of Manitoba Faculty of Social Work students.
- Provided an internship for a youth from Success Skills Centre under Young Canada Works program.
- Expanded committee membership to include more people living in poverty

Organizational Development

- Two board – staff strategic planning workshops
- Developed a 3 year strategic plan
- Ensured board diversity



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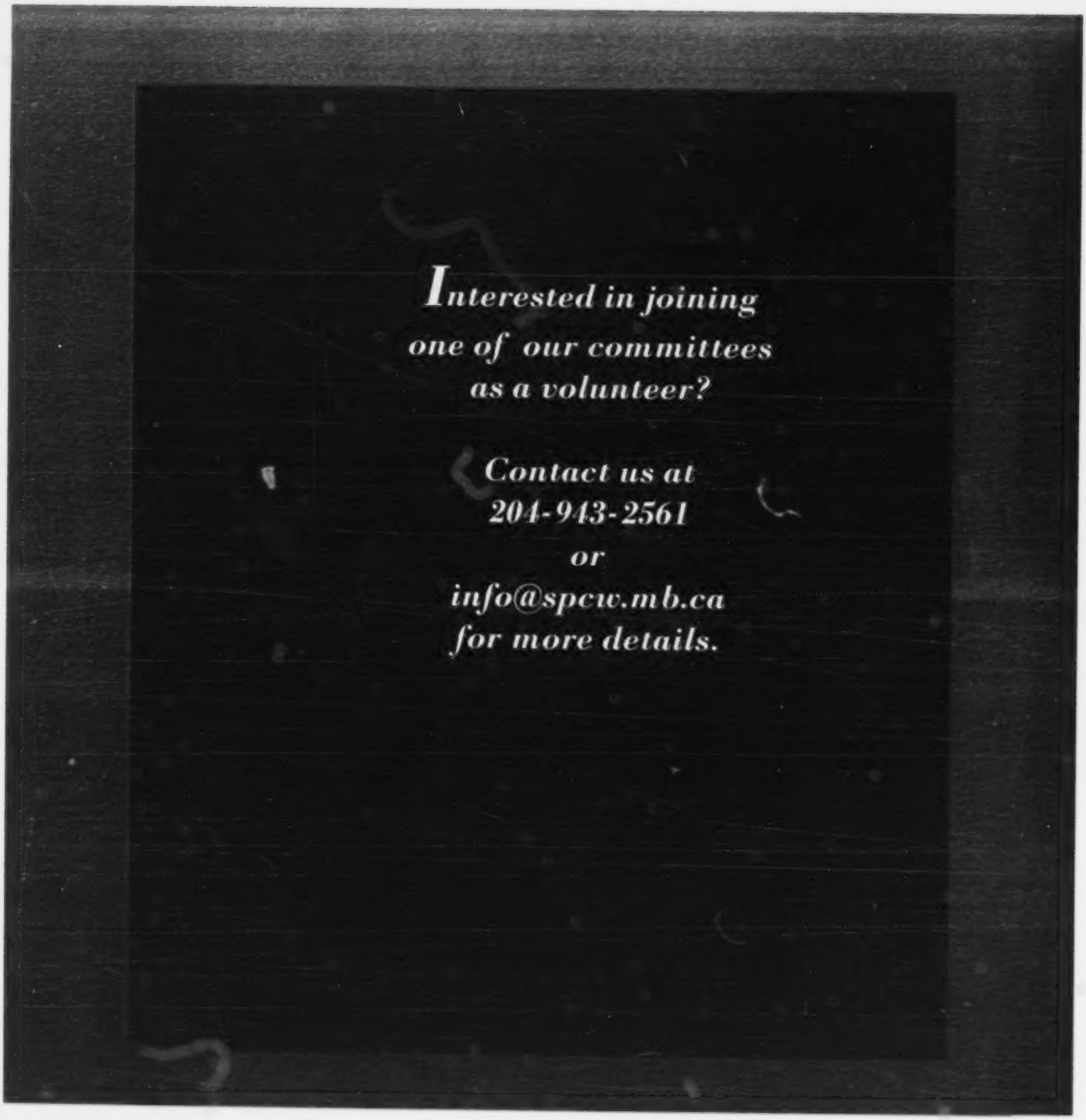
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